

# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (Small Entity)

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

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## TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Box Patent Application  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

Well Lost Circulation Additive, Lost Circulation Treatment Fluid Made Therefrom, Method of Minimizing Lost Circulation In A Subterranean Formation

and invented by:

Boyce D. Burts, Jr.

If a **CONTINUATION APPLICATION**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: 08/962,215

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### Application Elements

1. ☒ Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
2. ☒ Specification having 44 pages and including the following:
  - a. ☒ Descriptive Title of the Invention
  - b. ☒ Cross References to Related Applications (if applicable)
  - c. ☐ Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (if applicable)
  - d. ☐ Reference to Microfiche Appendix (if applicable)
  - e. ☒ Background of the Invention
  - f. ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
  - g. ☐ Brief Description of the Drawings (if drawings filed)
  - h. ☒ Detailed Description
  - i. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
  - j. ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure

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3. ☐ Drawing(s) (when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)
- a. ☐ Formal      b. ☐ Informal      Number of Sheets \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration
- a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)      ☐ Unexecuted
- b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional application only)
- c. ☒ With Power of Attorney      ☐ Without Power of Attorney
- d. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 4b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ Computer Program in Microfiche
7. ☐ Genetic Sequence Submission (if applicable, all must be included)
- a. ☐ Paper Copy
- b. ☐ Computer Readable Copy
- c. ☐ Statement Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy

## Accompanying Application Parts

8. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documents)
9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)
10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
11. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449      ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
12. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
13. ☒ Acknowledgment postcard
14. ☒ Certificate of Mailing
- ☐ First Class      ☒ Express Mail (Specify Label No.): EL 167 748 141 US

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15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☒ Small Entity Statement(s) - Specify Number of Statements Submitted: 1
17. ☐ Additional Enclosures (please identify below):

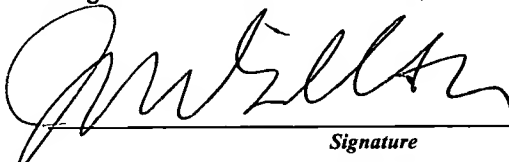
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### CLAIMS AS FILED

For	#Filed	#Allowed	#Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims		- 20 =	0	x \$11.00	\$0.00
Indep. Claims		- 3 =	0	x \$41.00	\$0.00
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BASIC FEE					\$380.00
OTHER FEE (specify purpose)					\$380.00
TOTAL FILING FEE					\$380.00

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$380.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
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Dated: April 22, 1999

  
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TITLE: <i>Lost Circulation Additive,</i>	§	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 23267/15D1
<i>Lost Circulation Treatment</i>	§	
<i>Fluid Made Therefrom, And</i>	§	
<i>Method of Minimizing Lost</i>	§	
<i>Circulation in a Subterranean</i>	§	
<i>Formation</i>	§	

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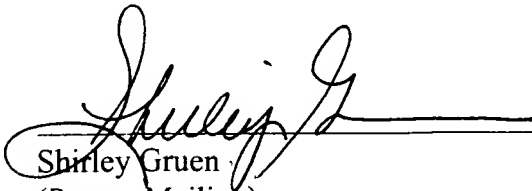
Dear Sir:

I hereby certify that the following documents, which are attached, are being deposited, under 37 CFR 1.10, with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service as **Express Mail No.: EL 167 748 141 US** in an envelope addressed to: The Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on **April 22, 1999**.

- (1) **Divisional Patent Application** which includes a thirty-one (31) page specification, twelve (12) pages of claims, an abstract, transmittal sheet and a **check** in the amount of **\$380** for the filing fee;
- (2) Photocopy of the **combined Declaration and Power of Attorney** that was filed in the parent application;
- (3) Photocopy of the **Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status** that was filed in the parent application;
- (4) Preliminary Amendment; and,
- (5) Return **Postcard**.

Respectfully submitted,

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